

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of the above amendments are requested.

Claims 29, 31, 33, 35, 36 and 40-51 have been allowed.

The amended claims are allowable for the reasons of record.

Entry of the above amendments is requested to reflect that the disclosed and claimed invention involves the practical prevention of evolution to chronic infection of a HCV infection in a mammal. While the applicants believe the unamended claims accurately reflect this such practical methods, the recitation of challenge HCV infection in the unamended claims may not emphasize this aspect of the invention as well.

The desirability of the amendment was only recently appreciated after review of the allowed claims with the Notice of Withdrawal of the previous Allowance. The additional recitation of the above amended claims were not earlier presented as the desirability of the same was only recently appreciated.

The amended and unamended claims are patentable for the reasons of record.

The above amendments are not believed to raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

Entry of the present Amendment and notice of the same to the undersigned are requested.

The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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